

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

The fiscal year started differently than most, with The Athenaeum closed for renovations. We were still able to keep members engaged with virtual and off-site programming. Tours to local institutions like the American Philosophical Society, Wagner Free Institute of Science and the Kislak Center at Penn Libraries allowed us to learn about our sister institutions. Virtual programs like the Athenaeum's book clubs and French lecture series also continued through this time.

As summer came to a close, but the renovations still in process, we hosted the **2nd Annual Sunday in the Square** on September 18th. Independence National Historical Park and Allegro Music Consultants once again helped us put on a free concert in Washington Square Park. Hundreds of you came and enjoyed the weather, music and neighborhood.



When the building reopened in November, we started things off with the largest party we've held in quite some time, our grand **Renovation Celebration**. Over 300 of you joined us for an evening of music, cocktails and food, but most importantly each other!



After the reopening, programming was back to regular scheduling with concerts and lectures on topics ranging from Henri Matisse to slavery reform. A new partnership with the **Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society** added more concerts to the line up. The most exciting addition to our programming line up was “**Member Mondays**”. On one Monday a month, members are invited to enjoy a glass of wine in the newly renovated Members Lounge. This allows members to get to know each other and enjoy the new space we have to offer. Another social event we added was our **Knitting Circle** which meets on the first Saturday of the month!

Our Youth Programs continued this year with a Saturday of Philadelphia maps and a Juneteenth Celebration in honor of Black literature. Our main youth program was the **2nd Story Explorers Book Fest** on April 22. This year, the weather was on our side and over 75 of you came out to hear from local authors, make crafts, and purchase books.

Throughout the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, The Athenaeum hosted **114** events. These included...

- ...**48** virtual events
- ...**66** in person events
- ...**23** book clubs
- ...**8** concerts
- ...**3** youth programs
- ...**4** movie screenings

Most lecture attendees: South of South Street with Will Brown

Hottest First Friday: Matisse Inspired Collage Workshop

Most popular YouTube video: The Life of William Faulkner with Carl Rollyson

Best new program: Member Mondays

Fastest selling tour: Matisse in the 1930s at PMA

Most Book Club Attendees: The Personal Librarian

SOCIAL MEDIA

132 New Twitter Followers

1103 New Instagram Followers

248 New Facebook Followers

182 New YouTube Subscribers

